

SMARDEN SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

CLUB RULES

1. Membership

The Management Committee has the power to implement a waiting list to become a Club Member, for reasons such as overcrowding at social bowling sessions. When the Club is recruiting new Members any Smarden Parish residents on such a waiting list will be given priority.

2. Subscriptions and Fees

The Club joining fee, annual membership subscription and bowling session fees shall be agreed at each Annual General Meeting or, if required, at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The annual subscription shall be paid by 31st March. Any Members who have not paid by this date shall forfeit all rights of membership for as long as they are in arrears.

Any Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 31st December will be deemed to have left the Club. All their current personal data records will be deleted / destroyed and the Member will no longer receive any communication from the Club.

A Member who is deemed to have left the Club will need to make a new application if they wish to be a Club Member.

3. Dress

The dress code for Members playing bowls is as follows:

Social bowling sessions:

Clean flat soled (no tread, heel or open-toe) footwear and casual wear.

Friendly (inter-club) matches:

Regulation bowling shoes and any Smarden club shirt or plain white polo shirt above the waist and grey below.

League or other competitions:

Regulation bowling shoes and the current design Smarden club shirt above the waist and grey below.

4. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 28th February. Notice of the Meeting and an Agenda shall be sent to every Member at least two weeks before the Meeting. Copies of the Accounts shall be made available to Members prior to the Meeting.

Any proposal for consideration by a Club Member must be submitted to the Secretary (in writing or by email) not less than two weeks before the date of the Meeting.

5. Nominations for Office

The Secretary shall publish a notice, not less than six weeks before the date of an Annual General Meeting, inviting nominations for Management Committee posts. Members may nominate themselves for one or more of the posts, which must be received at least 2 weeks before the date of the Meeting.

If more than two Members are nominated for any post and none receives more than half of the votes cast, there shall be a second ballot involving only the two leading nominees.

All voting shall be by ballot and in the event of a tie the Chairman of the Meeting shall use his casting vote.

6. Suggestions or Complaints

Suggestions or complaints regarding Club affairs that Members wish to bring to the notice of the Management Committee shall be in writing and addressed to the Secretary or to any Committee Member.

7. Member's Conduct

Any Member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Management Committee, is prejudicial to the interest of the Club shall be invited to appear before the Committee which shall take such action as is considered appropriate and shall have the power to suspend or expel the Member concerned.